



*“bangguri”... the mountains call me home*



*“The lands that are now Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks  
lay within the traditional lands of our Yuin (Djuwin) people.  
We, our people have lived on and with Yuin country since time  
immemorial”*

Yuin Bangguri (Mountain) Parks: draft Plan of Management

# Our Vision



*Future generations should be proud to stand where their ancestors stood, to drink from where their ancestors drank, and to take in the views, just as their ancestors did. Through cooperation we can achieve anything as these Mountains, land and waters are our heart and soul.*



# Our Success

- A Plan of Management
- An economic base for development
- Purchase of Bellbrook farm
- Capacity building for Board Members
- Back to Country Day
- Community engagement



# Our Challenges

- Cultural connections
- Cultural integrity
- Development v. preservation of culture
- Administration
- Departmental culture v. community culture
- Loss of cultural knowledge and practices



# Our Future

- Skilling up younger members of our community to:
  - fill operational positions in caring for our lands
  - have capacity to make important decisions about how the parks will be cared for
  - Be active members in the Board representing registered Aboriginal owners interests
- Sustainable employment
- A strong economic base
- We remember those who have:
  - Fought for the lands to be returned to the rightful owners
  - Invested in the process of co-management
  - Shared their knowledge and gone before, allow us to move forward with confidence and integrity

# Thank You

